

# Minutes

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY  
Louisiana Agricultural Commodities Commission  
Veterans Memorial Auditorium  
5825 Florida Blvd.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70806  
June 29, 2009  
9:30 a.m.

I. Call to Order

Mr. Robert Hanks called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m.

II. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

Present

Commissioner Mike Strain, DVM	Mr. E. Lee Carter
Mr. Robert Hanks	Mr. Kevin Adams
Mr. Kenny Self	Mr. Keith Hensgens
Mr. Filmore Bordelon	Mr. Donald Zaunbrecher
Mr. Ryan Ellington	

There were nine (9) members present at the meeting.

Staff Members Present

Director of the Louisiana Agricultural Commodities Commission, Ashley Dupree  
Assistant Commissioner, Benjy Rayburn  
Executive Counsel, Tabitha Gray  
Assistant Director of the Louisiana Agricultural Commodities Commission,  
Kyra Holden  
Agricultural Specialist Program Manager, Crowley District, Dennis Guidry  
Agricultural Specialist Program Manager, Pineville District, Ronald Sayer  
Agricultural Specialist Program Manager, Oak Grove District, Len Sanders  
Auditor, Billy Benton  
Auditor Director, Mark Tillman  
Administrative Assistant IV, Gail Moutz

III. Adoption of Minutes – May 29, 2009

A motion was made by Mr. Kenny Self and seconded by Mr. Filmore Bordelon to approve the minutes as read. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. Consideration of License Applications for Approval:  
(Renewal Applications)

A motion was made by Mr. Keith Hensgens and seconded by Mr. Kevin Adams to go into Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Filmore Bordelon and seconded by Mr. Kenny Self to come out of Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

A. Cotton Merchant

1. Farmers Cotton Co., Inc.
2. Hough Cotton Co., Inc.
3. Noble Ellington Cotton Co., Inc
4. P.J.S. Incorporated
5. Signia Cotton Co-op
6. Staple Cotton Co-op Association
7. The Seam, LLC

A motion was made by Mr. Keith Hensgens and seconded by Mr. Filmore Bordelon to approve all of the cotton merchant license applications and place all of the applicants in the Monitoring Program. The motion carried with Mr. Ryan Ellington and Mr. Lee Carter abstaining from voting on Noble Ellington Cotton Co., Inc.

B. Cotton Merchant and Grain Dealer

1. Cargill, Inc.

A motion was made by Mr. Kevin Adams and seconded by Mr. Kenny Self to approve the Cargill, Inc., application. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Grain Dealer

A motion was made by Mr. Kenny Self and seconded by Mr. Keith Hensgens to go into Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Kenny Self and seconded by Mr. Kevin Adams to come out of Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

1. American Rice, Inc.
2. Beaumont Rice Mills, Inc.
3. Bunge-Ergon Vicksburg, LLC
4. DeBruce Grain, Inc.
5. Pointe Coupee Farmers Elevator, Inc.
6. Terral Seed, Inc.
7. The Scoular Company

A motion was made by Mr. Keith Hensgens and seconded by Mr. Ryan Ellington to approve applications #1-#7 with #3 being placed in the Monitoring Program. The motion carried with Mr. Kenny Self abstaining from voting on #5.

D. Grain Dealer and Warehouse

A motion was made by Mr. Kevin Adams and seconded by Mr. Kenny Self to go into Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Filmore Bordelon and seconded by Mr. Kenny Self to come out of Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Angelina Grain Company, LLC

2. Crowville Grain and Elevator Company, Inc.
3. Falcon Rice Mill, Inc.
4. Fenton Rice, Co-op
5. G & H Seed Company, Inc.
6. Hensgens Grain Elevator, Inc.
7. Hollybrook Enterprises, LLC
8. Kennedy Rice Dryers, LLC
9. Louisiana Rice Mill, LLC
10. Monticello Gin and Elevator Company, Inc.
11. Planters Rice Mill, LLC
12. Sweet Lake Land and Oil Company, LLC
13. Tubbs Rice Dryers, Inc.
14. Tri-Parish Rice Drier, Inc.
15. Winnsboro Elevator, LLC

A motion was made by Mr. Filmore Bordelon and seconded by Mr. Keith Hensgens to approve applications #1-#15, with #1, #4, #7, #14 and #15 being placed in the Monitoring Program. Applications #11 and #12 were approved subject to receiving the Certificate of Provisional Stock Insurance. The motion carried with Mr. Robert Hanks abstaining from voting on #9, Mr. Ryan Ellington abstaining from voting on #15 and Mr. Lee Carter abstaining from voting on #7 and #15.

#### E. Warehouse

A motion was made by Mr. Ryan Ellington and seconded by Mr. Keith Hensgens to go into Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Kenny Self and seconded by Mr. Filmore Bordelon to come out of Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Basile Rice Drier and Storage Facility, Inc.
2. Crowley Rice Drier Cooperative, Inc.
3. Elton Drier, Inc.
4. H and E Grain, LLC
5. Hardy Rice Dryer, LLC
6. Kaplan Farmers Co-op, Inc.
7. Rayne Rice Drier and Warehouse Co., Inc.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mike Strain and seconded by Mr. Ryan Ellington to approve all of the applications with #1, #2 and #7 being placed in the Monitoring Program and #7 being approved subject to receiving the Resolution of the Board of Directors. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ashley Dupree, Director for the Louisiana Agricultural Commodities Commission, presented to the Commission for their review, a draft of the letter that is to be sent to all applicants who filed late applications.

#### V. Old Business

Mrs. Dupree introduced to the Louisiana Agricultural Commodities Commission the staff for the Agro Consumer Services Division district offices, Mr. Dennis Guidry, Agricultural Specialist Program Manager of the Crowley District, Mr. Ronald Sayer, Agricultural Specialist Program Manager of the Jonesville District and Mr. Len Sanders, Agricultural Specialist Program Manager of the Oak Grove District.

## VI. New Business

### 1. Legislative update

Mrs. Dupree presented a report on Senate Bill No. 154 that recently passed containing the changes relative to the Louisiana Agricultural Commodities Commission.

- She stated the quorum has now changed from six members to five members.
- The requirement that gives the Louisiana Agricultural Commodities Commission the authority to revoke or suspend a license based on reputation was removed.
- The wording has been changed regarding the requirement in the law that mandated Commissioner Strain to recover the expenses related to receiverships to read the Commissioner “may” instead of “shall”.
- References to sugar was removed. Historically the Department has never regulated or enforced anything related to sugar.

Commissioner Mike Strain gave an update of the new budget for the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry.

Mr. Robert Hanks thanked the Commissioner and the staff for all the hard work and efforts.

## VII. Public Comment

None

## VIII. Date for Next Meeting

A date for the next Louisiana Agricultural Commodities Commission meeting will be set at a later date.

## IX. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Donald Zaunbrecher and seconded by Mr. Ryan Ellington to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

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Mr. Robert Hanks, Vice-Chairman